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SUBJ: DEATH CASE - ADVISORY OPINION ESTATE DON E. WOLCOTT

REF: STATE 230164, 7 FAM 444.1-2, 444.9, 446.1

ROYCE BAUM ATTORNEY FOR MRS. ALICE WOLCOTT HAS SENT LETTER OF AUTHORITY FROM PROBATE COURT OAKLAND COUNTRY, MICHIGAN APPOINTING ALICE E. WOLCOTT SPECIAL ADMINISTRATRIX FOR ESTATE OF DON E. WOLCOTT. HE HAS ALSO SENT COPY MICHIGAN'S UNIFORM SIMULTANEOUS DEATH ACT. ACCORDING TO THIS INFORMATION UNDER MICHIGAN LAW PURI WOLCOTT'S EFFECTS GO TO HER MOTHER AND DON E. WOLCOTT'S TO HIS ESTATE AND ITS ADMINISTRATOR. NOTE: PERSONAL ITEMS OF PURI AND HER DAUGHTER HAD BEEN SENT TO FAMILY IN BALI WITHOUT CONSULAR OFFICER'S AUTHORIZATION. PORTIONS OF ESTATE ARE IN INDONESIA AND UNDER 444.1-2 IT APPEARS THE LAWS OF INDONESIA MUST ALSO BE CONSIDERED IN MATTER OF DISPOSITION OF ESTATE. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH INDONESIAN LAWYERS MAKE IT APPEAR THAT ESTATE OF WOLCOTT FAMILY IS CONSIDERED COMMUNAL PROPERTY EQUALLY DIVISIBLE BETWEEN HUSBAND'S HEIRS ON ONE HAND AND WIFE'S HEIRS ON OTHER. SOME QUESTION ARISES, HOWEVER, CONCERNING ABILITY OF PURI'S MOTHER TO INHERIT SINCE DON WOLCOTT HAS SURVIVING CHILDREN.

2. POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY OPINION IN MATTER OF POSSIBLE CONFLICT SECTIONS 7 FAM 446.1 AND 444.1-2. MAY THE PROBATE COURT BE DEEMED UNITED STATES COURT HAVING PROBATE JURISDICTION OVER THE ESTATE OR SHOULD INDONESIAN LAW BE FURTHER INVESTIGATED BEFORE ESTATE RELEASED TO MRS. ALICE WOLCOTT.

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